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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Thanksgiving

By
Evangelist
D. L. Moody



The next thing I would mention as an element of prayer is THANKSGIVING. We ought to be more thankful for what we get from God. Perhaps some of you mothers have a child in your family who is constantly complaining—never thankful. You know that there is not much pleasure in doing anything for a child like that. If you meet with a beggar who is always grumbling, and never seems to be thankful for what you give, you very soon shut the door in his face altogether. Ingratitude is about the hardest thing we have to meet with.

The great English poet says:

Blow, blow, thou winter wind—
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.

We cannot speak too plainly of this evil, which so demeans those who are guilty of it. Even in Christians there is but too much of it to be seen. Here we are, getting blessings from God day after day; yet how little praise and thanksgiving there is in the Church of God!

Gurnall, in his *Christian Armor*, referring to the words, "In everything give thanks," says:

"Praise is comely for the upright. 'An unthankful saint' carries a contradiction with it. Evil and Unthankful are twins that live and die together; as any one ceaseth to be evil, he begins to be thankful. It is that which God expects at your hands; He made you for this end. When the vote passed in Heaven for your being—yea, happy being in Christ!—it was upon this account, that you should be a name and a praise to Him on earth in time, and in Heaven to eternity. Should God miss this, He would fail of one main part of His design. What prompts Him to bestow every mercy, but to afford you matter to compose a song for His praise? 'They are my people, children that will not lie; so he was their Saviour.'

"He looks for fair dealing at your hands. Whom may a father trust with his reputation, if not his child? Where can a prince expect honor, if not among his favorites? Your state is such that the least mercy you have is more than all the world besides. Thou, Christian, and thy few brethren,



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divide Heaven and earth among you! What hath God that He withholds from you? Sun, moon and stars are set up to give you light; sea and land have their treasures for your use; others are encroachers upon them; you are the rightful heirs to them; they groan that any others should be served by them. The angels, bad and good, minister unto you; the evil, against their will, are forced like scullions when they tempt you, to scour and brighten your graces, and make way for your greater comforts; the good angels are servants to your Heavenly Father and disdain not to carry you in their arms.

"Your God withholds not Himself from you; He is your portion—Father, Husband, Friend. God is His own happiness, and admits you to enjoy Him. Oh, what honor is this, for the subject to drink in his prince's cup! 'Thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.' And all this is not the purchase of your sweat and blood; the feast is paid for by

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The Spirit of Thanksgiving

By Dr. C. E. Matthews
Late Secretary of Evangelism for Southern Baptists

"But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 15:57.

It would be well for us to take record of the writer of our text and his circumstances. Of course he is the Apostle Paul, and he writes to a church in Corinth. When Paul arrived in Corinth, the work and troubles of a missionary were not new to him. Behind him were years of labor and suffering. He had been separated from loved ones; sickness had overtaken him; he had suffered persecution and imprisonment; in fact, everything that could befall one, it seemed, had been heaped on Paul. In Corinth the people wanted to hear something other than the Gospel Paul preached. They wanted news, not of the kind he preached, but of the sort that was curious rather than true. Everywhere there were images of gods but nowhere was the living God or godly peace of soul.

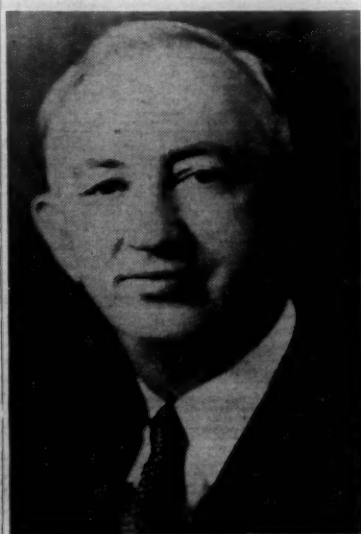
The Hearers at Corinth

What the city of Corinth was we well know. It was a thriving, rich, luxurious city, and the center of commerce. East and West met in it. The citizenship was made up of Jews migrating there to get rich, of Greeks subtle and full of pride because of superior culture and intellect, and of Romans with the spirit of militarism, thinking the world had to be conquered and that they were the conquerors. In the midst of such, Paul preached. The education of the human race has two compartments—then and now.

For illustration, take a look at Athens and Jerusalem in that day. Among the ancient Greeks we find the first-class minds of the

world, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Thucydides, etc., who are in their way prophets of the intellect. They stand for philosophy, physics, mathematics, art, music, politics, and the whole sphere of things with which the mind can busy itself. They were the pioneers of research. But when one passed from Corinth to Palestine in that

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Dr. C. E. Matthews

HEAVEN: How to Go There

Radio Message on "Voice of Revival" March 6, 1960

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:1-6.

What a precious and sweet passage are these six short verses.

Heart Be Not Troubled!

Here is a cure for trouble. "Let not your heart be troubled," Jesus said. That is the same thing He says a little further over in the chapter, "I will send a Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of Truth . . . But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost . . . he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." And Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:16, 17, 26, 27).

This poor old wicked world, with riches and with science and

with education and with luxury—we are smart: but we have no peace!

In Dallas, Texas, in the big tabernacle I talked one day to a construction man. He ran a big business and during the depression he put up five houses at a time, with a great group of carpenters and electricians and plumbers working for him. And in the midst of the depression he made plenty of money. I said, "You are not happy, not satisfied."

Puzzled, he said, "No, and I don't know why I am not. I have a good wife who loves me. I have the smartest nine-year-old boy you ever saw. I have a good home, a good car; I have good work and a business. I don't know why I can't be happy. It looks like a fellow could have peace, having everything one could want." But he said, "There is a restlessness, an uneasiness all the time."

I said, "Yes, that is what the Bible says, 'There is no peace saith my God to the wicked,' (Isa. 57:21). The poor heart without Jesus is never quite at peace." As St. Augustine, that great bishop of Hippo, said, "Our hearts, O God, are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

But here Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." You don't have to be troubled. You can have peace.

Philippians 4:6 and 7 says, "Be careful for nothing." It would be

foolish to tell that to anybody but a Christian. "Be careful for nothing." Don't be anxious, don't be full of care about anything, "but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds though Christ Jesus."

This world cannot satisfy. The more education we have, the more money, the more luxury, the more idle time; the more we have of vacations, the more gadgets to do the work—all these give us more unrest! Millions of tranquilizer pills are being consumed. Many thousands cannot sleep without sleeping tablets. And people try psychiatric treatment. They have easy mattresses, box springs, heat lamps. Oh, our mental institutions are crowded with people who have nervous breakdowns and mental trouble. The unrest, the unease!

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." He said Heaven is waiting for you, that He has prepared a place for you. You don't have to have trouble. "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." I wish all the troubled hearts would listen to the sweet words of Jesus now.

I have seen it. I saw a man who the day before had tried to commit suicide. He was rushed to the hospital and kept alive after he had inhaled so much gas. He had an incurable disease and his wife had quit him and he couldn't hold a job. So distraught was he that he tried to kill himself. The next day I had the joy of winning him to Christ. When he got off his knees he said, "Isn't it strange?"

I said, "What?"

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Christmas Offerings Already Coming

By the Editor

As carefully as I can, I am saving for a whooper Christmas offering to the Lord Jesus. With His help I am undertaking to give \$500 as a Christmas offering to the work of the Sword of the Lord. We need money to put in print some books, the supplies of which are exhausted, that includes *The Ruin of a Christian, When Skeletons Come Out of Their Closets*, and others. We think that we need \$12,000 cash to republish some of these books. Money as it has come in has been used to pay off some \$25,000 of long-term notes. So now we must have money to put these books back on the market.

Then there is a need for some \$24,000 for the Free Literature Fund, free literature given away all over the world, some in foreign languages, most of it in English language. This includes thousands of copies given to radio listeners. Many have been saved through this literature.

Then there is need for gifts for the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. So we are

trying to raise a lovely offering that will honor the Lord Jesus for these things.

In my heart I feel impressed to pray for a certain amount. I know what is needed, and I am asking God for it. I will not name the amount right now to you, but I want you to pray with me. May the dear Lord supply the needs. I believe He will.

This is a matter suitable for prayer. I am praying and scrimping and saving. I think that there are many, many others who can give as much as I can and who will, if they pray about it. But each one is to find what God wants him to do and then as God supplies and as God leads, we can all do our part.

Some of us will have to save week by week and others will send in Christmas offerings as they get it in hand. Will you help in this great Christmas offering for Jesus Christ?

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From Wednesday night, October 26, through Sunday, October 30, it was my joy to be with the Central Baptist Church, Pomona, California, Rev. Clyde Martin, pastor. On Thursday and Friday the Southern California Fellowship of Bible Baptist preachers and workers met with the Central Church. And it was a joy to see some thirty-five preachers. A number of people were saved and a number joined this young church. Brother Martin baptized six Sunday night. After the evening service, when everybody was gone and we closed up the building, the pastor found his battery was dead and the car would not start. He went across the street to a home where the wife was a member, but the husband was unsaved, although he had attended the Sunday evening service. The husband was asked if he would come and give the pastor's car a push. He came to help.

"Did you get to meet Dr. Rice?" Brother Martin asked.

"No, but I would like to," he said. So he was brought to the car. I got out to meet him and soon won him to Christ. Then he told a sweet story of how God had dealt with him.

In the service a seven-year-old girl, who had learned to print, had a small tablet with which to amuse herself during the church service. She wrote out:

"Your wife is a Christian. She is going to Heaven. Why don't you get saved?" and handed it to him to read. He was considerably stirred.

He did not come to Christ during the services, and went home. But when his own little girl went to bed she prayed, "Lord, please save my daddy." He was even more convicted, but retired. Then the pastor woke him up to come and give the car a push, and he was ready to take Christ as Saviour.

He went home to tell his wife, and to say that he would be back from San Diego (as I recall), where he works, to go to church Wednesday night and make public profession. "Get my clothes ready," he told her.

The pastor said, "I will have to get a new battery tomorrow." And he told the pastor, "I would like to keep that old battery that called me out of bed so I could be saved."

I had sweet fellowship in the pastor's home. I met many old friends, and felt the power of God on the ministry.

She Was Saved Through THE SWORD OF THE LORD

A woman who had been a church member for years, the daughter of a Baptist preacher, came to tell me how she had been converted about a year ago from the article in THE SWORD OF THE LORD on "A Modernist Preacher Saved." I wonder how many join churches who have never been converted, never personally trusted Christ for salvation? You may be sure she loves THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And nearly everywhere I go I find somebody who has been saved through these sermons in THE SWORD. Thank God for His blessings on this old-fashioned Bible preaching, with condemnation for sin, with its fight against modernism and unbelief, and its tender appeal to sinners. Like Paul I can say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

The Editor's Engagements

When this issue of THE SWORD comes out, the editor will be preaching at the Second Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Thursday through Sunday, November 17-20. Brother Ed Ulrich, Jr., pastor.

On November 27, I will be speaking afternoon and evening at the Maroa Bible Church, Maroa, Illinois (near Decatur).

November 28-30, I will be presiding at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Fellowship at Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and will also speak. Principal guest speaker is Dr. DeHaan, and I believe the committee has also invited Dr. Bob Gray of Jacksonville, Florida, and Rev. Dolphus Price of Pensacola to speak. The pastor, Dr. Lee Roberson, is chairman of the program committee.

December 1-4, I will be speaking at the Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning with fundamental churches in Niles and Struthers, Ohio.

December 5-11, I will be preaching in revival services at Second Kent Baptist Church, Holmes, New York.

Dr. Bill Rice Offers Six Per Cent Church Notes for Sale, at a Discount

The Cumberland Christian Retreat, on the Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been given some \$10,000 in church building notes. These notes pay six per cent interest; they are for \$1,000 each, I believe, and are to be retired, one by one, in the next six or seven years. The notes are issued by a good, sound, well-established, Bible-believing Baptist church in the Midwest. The church is solid, has a good pastor, is winning souls and we think that the notes are good notes.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD does not regularly advertise church notes

for building. That would mean that we would have to investigate every case, and take some financial responsibility for their safety. We cannot do that.

However, Dr. Bill Rice, in this case, offers these notes on his own guarantee that they are good and we are glad to tell our friends about his offer. The cash will be used for new housing for the blessed soul-winning work among the deaf and in Bible conference programs on the ranch. Besides the six per cent income on the notes, they are offered at some discount. Write Dr. Bill Rice, Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Again We Plead With Friends to Pray for Us

Tomorrow I go for two days, November 3 and 4, to Pillsbury Bible College, Owatonna, Minnesota. Dr. Monroe Parker, president, I am glad to be with my beloved friend, the greatly used evangelist, Dr. Parker, who is on the Board of the Sword of the Lord. Messages will be on revival and soul winning. Dr. Jim Mercer will also speak.

On Saturday I fly to Caldwell, Idaho, for eight days of revival services with Dr. Hendrickson and the First Baptist Church. Then I go for services in North Carolina.

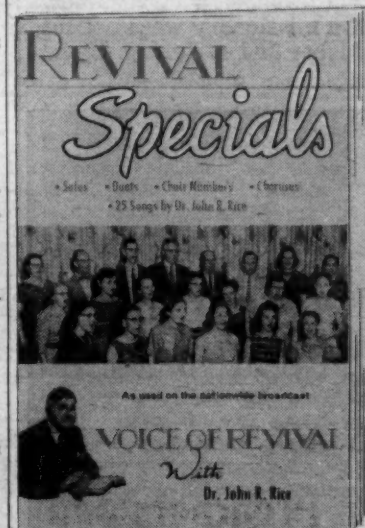
Before I go I must prepare most of the copy for two more issues of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I should make four or six radio broadcasts on tape recording. I will take my dictating machine with me.

I need special wisdom and a special anointing from Heaven for revival services and the heavy duties as editor.

This business of making a climate for revivals, of defending the faith, of helping preachers stand true, of turning the hearts of thousands of young preachers away from modernism and into fundamental Bible truth and soul winning, are matters of such importance that only the mighty power and wisdom of God are sufficient. In Jesus' name, I ask you to hold me up in prayer. Many Christians would honor God by taking this as a daily burden and joy and being my partner and my daily, burden-sharer in the matter of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the nation-wide ministry of stirring revival fires and winning souls. I beg you to pray.

That New Songbook Going Well

Have you seen the new songbook, *Revival Specials*? There are ninety-five songs and choruses. These are special solos, duets, and choir numbers used on "Voice of Revival" broadcast. Twenty-five of the songs, words and music, are by this editor. There are other new songs never published in a book before and many not widely available. Singers and choir lead-



ers would do well to see this book, with beautiful pictured cover. It has pictures of the editor, of the editor's daughters, the Joanna-Jessie duet, and of the radio staff. The book sells for \$1.00 postpaid, ten copies for \$7.00. Many are getting it for the choirs, some for the whole congregation.

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The Christian who is careless in Bible reading is careless in Christian living.

—Max Reich

INCIDENTS

And Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Where Are We Headed?

In this day when every politician seems to feel that he has no possibility for election or re-election unless his "give-away program" is bigger and better than his honorable opponent's, it might be a good idea to stop and consider where this policy of big government socialism is taking our nation! A few months ago, while conducting meetings at Eureka, California, I noted a very timely editorial in the local newspaper, *The Humboldt Standard*, entitled, "Taxes \$2—Food \$1." The editor said:

"Not many years ago, before the transition of the United States economy from frugality to big spending, there were generally considered to be just three necessities of life—food, shelter and clothing. No one was satisfied to exist on only these requirements, but it was generally conceded that life was possible with this minimum of acquisition.

"It is doubtful that this generation could survive on this meager fare. The automobile, the power lawn mower, the myriad of household appliances and built-in conveniences and—yes—the television set are now such commonplace 'luxuries' that the habits of a nation have been changed. The generation now growing to maturity includes many who will never push a hand mower around the yard, walk to the corner drug-store or cook their meals without the aid of ready-made foods, automatic stoves or electric frying pans.

"The luxury of dependence upon other mediums has many offshoots. The public continues to accept and demand more paternalism from government, permitting 'security' and 'protection' to overcome the self-dependence traditional with American families.

"It is a striking fact that whereas the average household budget two or three decades ago allocated only a minor fraction to luxury (consumer outlays and government taxes), the percentage has been climbing rapidly in the years since World War II. Nowhere is the American desire for the 'better' things of life more evident than in comparison of outlays for food and taxes. A 30-year history of the two expenditures reveals a complete reversal of the importance placed upon the necessities.

"In 1929, Americans spent \$19.5 billion for food, or almost twice the total tax bill of \$10.5 billion. Last year, just three decades later, \$124 billion went for taxes and only \$73 billion for food."

Where will it stop? Now is the time to do something!

Actress Ginger Rogers stated recently: "The film industry is sick, sick, sick . . . The same men have been seated in executive chairs too long. They've gotten fickle, their morals have degenerated and gone to pot. The codes we set up to guide the movies don't mean a thing anymore." She ought to know!

Everybody Belongs!

The march to church is on! Our day is witnessing an era where it is fashionable to join some religious body. The old-fashioned thoughts about repentance, conversion, the new birth and becoming new creatures in Christ are passé, it's true, but joining a church is as necessary to modern society's standards as joining the Country Club always has been for the cream of the bluebloods!

The *Yearbook of American Churches for 1961*, just released last month, states that our American churches and synagogues now are able to boast in excess of 112,000,000 members! This means that 63.4 per cent of our citizens now hold membership in some religious organization.

Protestants gained 1,038,000

members last year—a 1.7 per cent increase—while Roman Catholics were gaining 1,361,794 members—a 3.4 per cent increase. The latter figure may only mean that the Catholics had a lot of babies in 1959, since it is the policy of that church to add the names of babies to the church roll as soon as they are born. In the past 34 years, Protestants have shown an 8.5 per cent increase while Roman Catholics have gained only 7.1 per cent during the same period.

Out of the 62,543,502 Protestants in America, only 39,701,079, representing 33 denominations, are affiliated with the liberal National Council of Churches. Hence that body is hardly the "voice of American Protestantism" as it so vociferously claims in making radio, TV, chaplaincy, comity and other demands.

Sunday School enrollment (including Sabbath school) numbers only 44,066,457, but that is an increase of 6.9 per cent over 1958. Baptists comprise the largest number in the Protestant group (20,879,000), with Methodists (12,358,861), Lutherans (8,021,091) and Presbyterians (4,202,956) following in that order.

Church and synagogue affiliation has grown tremendously in the last 110 years as shown by the following figures: In 1850 it was 16 per cent of the total population, in 1900 it was 36 per cent, in 1940 it was 49 per cent, in 1950 it was 57 per cent, and the past year it grew to 63.4 per cent.

America has a flood of religion, but a dearth of Christianity!

It Didn't Work!

Robert Carter Allen wrote a book entitled, "How to Build a Fortune and Save on Taxes." The other day in Denver Mr. Allen filed a bankruptcy petition listing debts of \$55,811 and assets—presumably including profits, if any, from his book—of only \$2,052. Apparently he was unable to translate theory into reality.

The Word of God warns in Proverbs 16:25, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Many people have grand ideas about how they can obtain a mansion in Heaven but their sincerity and enthusiasm cannot guarantee success! There is only one way to Heaven and that is through faith in Jesus Christ.

Does your sincerity have a right foundation, positively assuring success?

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru November 20:
Kossuth Street Baptist Church
Lafayette, Indiana

November 22-December 4:
Bible Baptist Church
404 West Jefferson Street
Kokomo, Indiana

December 6-18:
First Baptist Church
Monroe, Iowa



By the Editor

EVANGELISM WITHOUT APOLOGY, The Bob Jones University Lectures on Evangelism for 1959 by Evangelist James Stewart.

A beautifully written, stirring and helpful book. James Stewart's greatest evangelistic experiences have been in Europe where he preached to many thousands and saw thousands of conversions. The book therefore does not deal adequately perhaps with city-wide campaigns in America, but has some wonderfully fine teaching on evangelism in the local church, on the life and character of an evangelist, on spiritual requirements. There are many stirring and heart-warming incidents told. And the book will leave a blessing. 129 pages, \$2.25, a Kregel Publication or order from Revival Literature, 1844 - 73rd Avenue, Philadelphia 26, Pennsylvania.

Train up a child in the way he should go and go that way yourself.

I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide.
—Martin Luther.



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A Column for Wives and Mothers

By Jesse Rice Sandberg

Blue Monday

This isn't Monday; it's Tuesday. But if ever I woke up with a "blue Monday" feeling, it was today. In the first place, I have a cold—the kind that makes my eyes red and swollen, my head throb, my nose runny and my body achy. In the second place, I was up half the night with my children—all three of whom also have colds, so no doubt I seem as impossible to them today as they do to me! Then to make matters worse, my dirty windows are staring me in the face, practically begging to be washed, and a great big mountain of ironing looks at me accusingly from the kitchen table.

If you are like me, your first impulse in such a situation is to crawl back into bed and pull the covers up high—leaving the children to their own devices! However, since my oldest is three and a half and my youngest five weeks old, that is a luxury in which I dare not indulge. I have to keep the vaporizer going for baby Donny, tie endless shoelaces and wash dirty faces, make sure Jimmy and Carol have on their sweaters when they go outside, referee their disagreements, patrol their endless trips to the kitchen or bathroom, and try to keep some kind of order in the house at the same time.

Just about the time I start feeling sorry for myself (me with my comfortable home, my kind, patient husband, and so many conveniences to make the work easier), I remember some of the letters from my reader-friends. Many of these are women with problems too numerous to name and to them my "blue Tuesday" would no doubt seem like a summer holiday! But regardless of how desperate and discouraging any day may seem, a Christian can find a cure for the blues.

When I was a freshman in college I returned from a 21-day college choir trip to California completely exhausted and at my wit's end. I had gotten too little sleep and drunk too much coffee (since that was just about the only beverage served) and I returned home to a pile of makeup schoolwork which seemed insurmountable. One night while I was practicing for my piano lesson it all seemed like more than I could handle. I slammed both hands down on the piano and burst into tears. My wise daddy made me skip school the next day even though I protested tearfully that I couldn't possibly afford to miss another day of school. I was just too far behind in my schoolwork. In the morning Dad took me golf-

ing. I had never played the game before but the fresh air and the walking did wonders for me. In the afternoon we hit a tennis ball back and forth in the street. That night I ate a huge supper, took a hot bath and went right to bed. I hadn't opened a book the whole day but somehow it didn't seem important when I went to bed—I slept like a baby. I think that one day, completely apart from my regular routine and problems, kept me from a nervous breakdown.

Now, of course, with the responsibilities of a family, I can't usually take off for a day. Still, I find that the same techniques do help to keep me from going to pieces when the going gets tough. Most things take on a different perspective after a nap, a change of jobs, a pleasant phone conversation or even a hot cup of tea.

Music does a great deal to help me through a blue day. Many wonderful and comforting things have been written in prose and poetry, but when the heart is despondent and discouraged, the words which are set to music seem to slip into one's heart most easily to give comfort and calm. Sometimes I have been too discouraged to really pray and too tired to get much out of reading God's Word. That is when the words of some blessed song have their greatest value. I remember a time when the words of the song, "Peace, Perfect Peace" meant so much to me—especially the verse which says:

Peace, perfect peace. By thronging duties pressed—
To do the will of Jesus: this is rest.

Perhaps the best cure for "moody days" is to have made some preparation ahead of time. To have a great deal of Scripture tucked away in one's heart and mind is like having one's spiritual medicine cabinet well stocked for any emergency. If I am pressed above measure with work, I will probably not take the time to search for a verse or portion of Scripture which will give me rest; if I am too discouraged or tired, I probably will not make the effort to look for some verse of comfort and encouragement. The answer, then, is to have some passages from the Bible already memorized and ready for recall.

Well, I must stop this chatting and get back to my work. Maybe that ironing isn't so big, after all!

Congregational Methodists Endorse Defense of Faith

On September 30, 1960, at the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Congregational Methodist Church, a very kindly resolution was passed commending some of us brethren who have been defending the faith. I am grateful for the resolution. It was sent to me by Pastor Lee E. Miles of Fort Worth, pastor of the First Congregational Church there.

In part the resolution says: "Whereas, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., and Dr. John R. Rice have labored individually and collectively under the anointing and blessings of God in promoting the great defense for the Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Faith, as well as organizing and promoting a great defense against current trends of neo-evangelicalism, ecumenicalism, compromise evangelism, and all areas of liberalism, modernism, and socialism; and

"Whereas, these great men have stood, without compromise, against all attacks upon the fundamentalist positions of guarding the faith; and

"Whereas, they have faithfully exposed many, if not all, of the sources of contention and compromise . . .

"Resolved, that the Chairman of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference for the period 1960-61 draft letters of appreciation, com-

mendation, and pledged loyal support to Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., and Dr. John R. Rice as they continue to do battle for the saints of God against the Spirit of Antichrist.

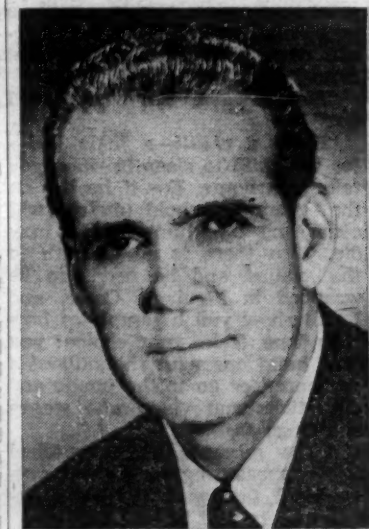
"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution accompany each of these letters, and further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Messenger Press for publishing in 'The Messenger,' in order for the whole church to know where we stand on current religious issues."

I understand that the Congregational Methodist Church came out of the Southern Methodist Church when that group joined the Methodist church in the North to form the one nation-wide Methodist denomination. They were not willing to be a part of the modernistic setup of the present Methodist church.

I am grateful for my brethren who believe the Bible and defend the faith in many denominations. And I feel much closer to a Methodist who believes the Bible and the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the blood atonement, and salvation by the atoning blood of Christ, than I feel toward a Baptist who does not believe the Bible perhaps, or who does not think that matters.

Sword Board Member

Dr. Lee Roberson has been for years a member of the Co-operating Board of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We rejoice in his constant emphasis on soul winning. For eleven consecutive years this famous pastor has baptized more than a thousand new converts a year in the Highland Park Baptist Church. This is beside his many engagements all over America, and



Dr. Lee Roberson, Pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga; president of Tennessee Temple Schools.

besides his work as president of Tennessee Temple Schools, and his widespread emphasis on mission work.

The Tennessee Temple Schools this year will enroll over nine hundred students from many states and several foreign countries. About ninety-five per cent of these young people will go into full-time service as pastors, missionaries, evangelists, Christian musicians, or as wives of full-time

Preachers and Communism

Protestant ministers poll conducted October 10 by Christianity Today at a cost of \$20,000 showed: "Of these, the pollsters designated two per cent of the ministers as communist, 10 per cent as socialist, and 15 per cent as fellow-travelers in their economic outlook, these being predominantly liberal and neo-orthodox in theological stance." This agrees with M. G. Lowman who states that 2½ per cent are ideological communists while 14 per cent are fellow-travelers, and 9,000 with serious communist-front records.

workers. The school is comprised of Bible Institute, a Bible College (which has the largest enrollment), and the Theological Seminary.

Dr. Roberson writes us most kindly. After some gracious words about the editor he says, "I have defended you and your position against all critics . . . I believe in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the major emphasis of your paper. I am honored to have a position on the Co-operating Board. I agree with your position on evangelism."

We rejoice in the ministry of this Spirit-anointed man of God and we greatly appreciate his support and encouragement and help on the Sword Co-operating Board.

Last Sunday Dr. Roberson was preacher on the nation-wide "Church of the Air" broadcast. And that sermon will be printed next week, God willing, in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



I do wish our many friends throughout the world could read the mail that comes to us every day from former students. I quote from a letter that came to my desk today: "I do not see how anybody could criticize Bob Jones University. When I looked around the campus recently and saw all those new buildings going up and the beauty of the buildings that had been erected in the past, I could not help but think of a statement I heard you make during the 1959 Bible Conference. This is the statement: 'As you look around at these buildings and at this plant, we want you to realize all of this is dedicated to God.'"

My friends, we do not want anything for Bob Jones University that we cannot use for the glory of God. The Lord led us to found this school thirty-four years ago, and He has worked miracle after miracle on this campus. Our graduates are scattered over the world. They are on the mission field. They are in the pulpits of America. They are in schoolrooms teaching. They are in the business world. A large percentage of them

A Strike That Hurt America

The Chicago Tribune, October 5, had an editorial that calls attention to a bad strike caused by selfish and irresponsible men, which has hurt many workers as well as important business. We quote it here for warning.

QUILL'S "VICTORY"

When the recent strike against the Pennsylvania railroad was settled, Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers union, claimed a great victory. He said the settlement "may well be the turning point for up-to-date labor relations on the nation's railroads."

The fruits of Quill's victory are now coming home to many Pennsylvania employees. Three thousand of them have been laid off by the railroad in an effort to overcome the revenue loss suffered during the strike, estimated at 40 million dollars. The company also has announced pay cuts for executives and white collar workers.

When the strike was called by Quill's union and another small union of shop employees, the railroad was \$4,900,000 in the red on its operations for the year. It expects another large deficit for September, the month in which the Pennsy was shut down for 12 days by Mike Quill's union.

Sympathy must be extended to the members of other unions, who had no part in calling the strike and who strongly opposed it, but the strikers deserve no sympathy. Their unions rejected the findings of a neutral referee and a Presidential fact-finding board. The company proposed arbitration, and this, too, was rejected by Quill.

The railway labor act is based on the theory that union leaders will have some sense of responsibility. Quill's performance strongly indicates that the law may have to be changed to deal with those who haven't.

The kind of person your child is going to be, he is already becoming.

Heart-to-Heart Program

Treasure in Heaven is laid up only as treasure on earth is laid down.

Persecuted for being Baptized

From *Blu-Print*, church bulletin of the Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church, Oakland, California, we quote the following:

Local Police Not Expected to Interfere With Believer's Baptism Sunday Evening

Several believers in Christ will voluntarily express their obedience to the Lordship of Christ this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. when our pastor will administer the ordinance of baptism by burial in the water. These believers have responded with an open confession signifying a desire for baptism. We do not anticipate persecution from civil authorities as we baptize them. It was not always that way and may not be again, but when Henry VIII became supreme head of the English Church, he issued a proclamation against the Baptists. Those who rebaptized

themselves were warned that they must depart from England within twelve days, or if caught, to suffer the pains of death.

J. C. Carlyle in "Story of the English Baptists" (Clark, London, 1905) states: "Before him (The King's Chancellor) was brought a barrister, James Bainham. He was charged with heresy. He denied that water could save the soul of a little child. His poor body was stretched on the rack until every limb was loose. In stocks by day and damp cell by night, his courage did not fail. He was whipped until the blood flowed, but no word of recantation came from him. On an April morning in 1511 a crowd gathered at Smithfield and saw faggots laid and lit around James Bainham, but they did not see the martyr spirit ascend in a chariot of flame."

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November Thanksgiving Day coming soon. What a great heritage is ours handed down to us from those devout men who were both founders of our country and framers of our way of life. There is much for which every American should be thankful. American Christians are especially grateful to God for the preservation of our religious liberties. At the same time we need to remind ourselves that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Let us who know God through His Son, Jesus, give thanks and at the same time pledge ourselves to greater faithfulness in His service.

Now here are some sacred recordings which we have enjoyed and which we believe will bless you.

For young businessmen, members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Whittier, California, sing together as the CALVARY-MEN QUARTET. This is a really fine blend. Their LP album presents an interesting variety of Gospel songs, sacred classic and spirituals. Even if this reviewer were not partial to male quartets, he would like this one. Some of the titles: A New Name in Glory, Stand Up for Jesus, The Lord's Prayer, On the Cross of Calvary, Teach Me to Pray, plus seven others. SACRED LP 3002

Marilyn Tuttle joins forces with the Good Twins in an album with the title TREASURED HYMNS. The style is the "smooth" style so popular on the West Coast. The selections emphasize the love of Christ and His nearness to the child of God. Piano and organ backgrounds are played by Sue Magnuson and Pattie Stiles. Merle Travis plays the electric guitar. There are twelve numbers. Among them are: I Am Thine, O Lord, Farther Along, Near to the Heart of God, Softly and Tenderly, Jesus, I Come. SACRED LP 3005

You will recognize the choir on the Christian Faith album OC-4031 as soon as you hear the first song. A tribute to the wide ministry which God has given to the OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL HOUR over the years since 1925 is the fact that the choir is recognized by thousands of people in many parts of the world. Under the direction of Dr. H. Leland Green and with the accompaniment of Rudy Atwood and George Broadbent, the choir presents an album of gospel music typical of the broadcast which is heard on 625 radio stations. The eleven selections include: Some Day He'll Make It Plain, If You Come to Jesus (written by Dr. Green), He'll Understand and Say "Well Done," For All My Sin, Each Step I Take, and O Could I Speak. CHRISTIAN FAITH-4031-Hi Fi or 431-Stereo.

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hand-bell playing, is the feature of an album titled A SONG IS RINGING. The Women's Glee Club and Handbell Choir of Moody Bible Institute perform beautifully some of the selections they do on tour. Fourteen selections include Alleluiah, by Mozart; All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (bells), Thine, Lord (with soloist Trudy Sturhahn), O Love That Will Not Let Me Go; Little David, Play on Your Harp. Kurt Kaiser provides piano accompaniment. An interesting recording. Word W-3111-LP

Here's another album of pipe organ music played by one of the outstanding gospel organists of our day. Rev. Bert Jones of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, masters the great Wurlitzer organ in the Mosque Auditorium in Richmond, Virginia, as he interprets twelve selections which will bless your heart. We found this recording to be sweet and restful. The titles are well-known Make Me a Blessing, I Am Not Worthy, Jesus Led Me All the Way, The Old Rugged Cross, To God Be the Glory, In Times Like These (also title of the Album). This is a fine instrumental recording from which you will get many happy moments of pleasure. ZONDERVAN ZLP-555

What a delightful parade of sacred recording artists appears on the Word album CAVALCADE OF WORD ARTISTS. There are seventeen bands, eight on side I and nine on side II. Each features a different group or personality. There is a wide variety of instrumental and vocal selections. The recording is an excellent introduction to the folk who record for Word. You will meet Paul Mickelson and the Cathedral Symphony of London with Choir, Bill Mann, The Melody Four Quartet, Frank Boggs, Lew Charles, organist, Flo Price, Kurt Kaiser, Fague Springman, the Dick Anthony Chorists, Bill Carle, Charles Magnuson, Ethel Waters, Claude Rhea, Les Barnett, J. T. Adams and the Men of Texas, Bill Pierce and Dick Anthony, duet team, and Ronnie Avalone. The album from which each selection is taken is listed on the jacket. WORD W-PD-3

Good word had come to us concerning the music of the King's Choraliers Male Chorus some time ago. Now the Zondervan people have been good enough to send us a review copy of the album titled MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE which features this excellent male group. Founded and directed by Mr. Peter J. Vanden Bosch, the Choraliers is a select group of singers from various churches in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area. They are heard in concerts in the Midwest and Canada which must be booked more than a year in advance due to demand for their services. A varied program of thirteen selections includes: Only One Life, I Hear a Voice a Praying, Were You There, No One Understands Like Jesus, Eternal Father, and Let All Nations Praise the Lord. ZONDERVAN ZLP-557

Another fine addition for your sacred library is the album THE MICKELSON TOUCH. Paul Mickelson and his orchestra, with Jock Bains as trombone soloist, have scored another triumph in the field of sacred orchestration. The new album contains eleven selections, nine of which are Mickelson arrangements. There is a wide range of mood and tempo from the moving interpretation of Beneath the Cross of Jesus and My Task to fast-flowing Springs of Living Water. Other titles include: Make Me a Blessing, Bless This House, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot and Submission. Professional quality is coupled with sincere expression to form an album which is at once very listenable and a blessing to the believing heart. WORD W-3113-LP

We were happy to have a letter from a reader in England requesting help in procuring records reviewed in this column. Though we do not keep stocks of recordings here, we are glad to help our readers locate records they want. If we can help you, do not hesitate to write. Write whether we can help you or not. We want to hear from you. Your comments and

JUNGLE DOCTOR to the Rescue

CHAPTER XVI

Fathercraft and Grannycraft

Under an umbrella-like thorn-bush were at least sixty or seventy women. With them were babies and children and a collection of not-very-well-nourished small dogs. In the shade were set the scales which gave the babies' weight accurately to a quarter of an ounce. All of the women, most of the children, and none of the dogs were listening most attentively to Sechelela as she laid down the law on the proper feeding of a baby. She waved her finger in the air, and with all the trick of oratory told them:

"You mustn't feed children with porridge until their teeth come."

I felt a tap on my shoulder, and a whispered voice: "Bwana, look over there behind the baobab tree roots—"

I followed the direction of Simba's finger, and there was Majimbi.

"Kah, Bwana," said the voice behind me, "see how her lips curl in scorn. She will not follow the ways of wisdom. Nor will her daughter, and her grandchild. Yah, what will happen to him?"

I turned round to see Simba shaking his head in the most lugubrious fashion. "Kah, Bwana, if that child lives, behold, it will be nghanu ya kwizina—a thing of wonder."

I nodded. "Also she has small joy or love to us since the chief fined her a cow for trying to steal our blanket. Come on, Simba, we must do some work, you and I. We can't join the Mothercraft Club; come with me, and we'll do some fathercraft."

"Yah," said the African. "Fathercraft? Bwana, what is that?"

"That, my friend, is the work that a father may do in looking after his child. Behold, you must do a very special work today. Your child is growing, but it is still so very small that it needs very special care, both from mother and from father."

"Heh, Bwana, but what can I do?"

"Build a *chilili*—a little bed—for the child to sleep in when you take him home. For if he lies on the ground, behold *dudus* will come and bite him and he may die. Also there is no warmth in the ground and he needs to be wrapped in blankets. Come, and I will show you a sample of how it is done. Take your choice: you may build one with the skill of a carpenter, or go to the jungle and cut sticks and vines, and weave one Gogo fashion."

A few minutes later I watched Simba measuring in a most professional fashion the various requirements that he would need.

I broke into his thoughts. "*Hongo*, Simba, be careful as you work that you build with strength. The legs of this small bed must not wobble. The child must not be rolled out upon the floor because of the lack of skill or the carelessness of his father."

"Heh," said Simba, "Bwana, I will make one with the help of Elisha. It will have very strong legs. Behold, it will stand firmly on the ground, even as do the legs of *nhembo*—the elephant."

He looked across at me with a smile. "Bwana, before I go on to my work, may I not once more see the one for whom it is to be built? May I not greet my wife who is the joy of my heart?"

"Heeh," came the voice of Sechelela from behind us, "behold, I was expecting this. Here . . ."

African nurse with a broad smile on her face thrust into our hands a gown and mask. These we duly put on, and advanced into the ward. There was Perisi, sitting at a little table, herself masked and gowned, feeding her baby in a highly professional manner through a minute rubber tube. She raised her hand.

"Quietly, Bwana, my work is nearly finished."

Simba looked across at me and raised one eyebrow, whispering. "Yah, Bwana, does she not do it

with skill?"

I nodded. "Behold, Simba, there's no doubt about it. Women can do these things in a way that we men cannot."

He nodded his head vigorously. "Yah, Bwana, behold, has she not got hands of kindness and gentleness?"

As he said this Perisi looked up at him, and a look of deepest affection passed between them. With great care the tube was withdrawn, and the baby was placed on his opposite side in the box which was his temporary cot. He was a strange-looking little figure with a cotton-wool cap obscuring all but his eyes, nose and mouth. I knew he was wrapped entirely in this warm cotton-wool. We carefully tucked the blankets in.

"Yah, Bwana, I have joy today. Behold, have I not rubbed him very gently with oil? Behold, have I not also weighed him? He has gained three ounces, Bwana, three whole ounces in four days."

"Three whole ounces," echoed Simba with a smile. "Bwana, that is a thing of joy."

"How much is three ounces, Simba?"

"Bwana, I don't know."

"Yah, it's about the weight of a potato as big as your hand."

"Kah," said Simba, his face growing visibly longer, "the child is only growing slowly."

There was such a drooping at his mouth that I hit him hard between the shoulders and laughed. "Cheer up!"

"Kah, Bwana," said a high-pitched voice, "don't make such a noise in here, you will disturb the baby. You men . . ."

"Come on, Simba," I said, "we'll be getting into trouble. You whizz off and I'll get on with my work. There's enough of that to do."

The African hunter looked at me and smiled. "Bwana, may I come to your house, for I need some screws and some small bits of wood, such as you have off the sides of packing cases. This cot



will be the best that has ever been made by any father for his child in my country. Behold, there will not be another cot like it in Tanganyika."

It was again a Thursday; a week had sped since the eventful arrival of Yohanna and Nhembo.

I went to see how Simba's carpentry was progressing. He was very busy with a plane.

"Bwana, with the help of Elisha, before many days this work will be finished. I have need of some screws if—"

Nodding, I led the way to the storeroom where we kept all manner of things that might come in handy some day. What an amazing

collection of stuff we had! Nothing was wasted in our hospital. We collected the appropriate material and were just coming out of the door when behind the baobab tree we saw old Majimbi. She was sitting there with her grandchild, who was only a week or so old, propped on her knee. Beside her was a clay pot filled with gruel—grey sticky-looking stuff like paste. The old woman was shovelling this out and pouring it enthusiastically down the baby's throat. The week-old, nine-pounder was doing his very best to resist, coughing and spluttering, but the old woman wiped the sticky gruel from the sides of his mouth and pushed it down his throat with a long and very dirty thumb. Suddenly and rather explosively the child rejected all that had been given to him. The old woman's hand went over his mouth; it was all pushed down again. Open-mouthed, I watched this amazing demonstration of how a baby should not be fed. I was too paralyzed to do a thing for a moment, then I stepped forward briskly.

"Hey, Majimbi, what do you think you're doing?"

"Kah," she said, "whose child is it, yours or mine?"

"What profit is there in a dead (Continued on page 5)



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By Aunt Mary

Happy Thanksgiving! Do you look forward to turkey and dressing, or chicken and dumplings; mince pie, or pumpkin pie? We always think of special foods in connection with Thanksgiving Day, don't we? And of course the dinner is an important part of the holiday, if we remember to thank God for each special thing.

Most of us eat Thanksgiving dinner with grandparents and kin-folks. Perhaps because we have a day or two off from school, we like to drive to their house, or invite Grandmother and Grandfather to our own home for the day. My own memories of childhood Thanksgivings include driving perhaps a hundred miles to Grandmother's, often over muddy roads the last few miles. We always tried to be the first to shout, "I see Grandmother's house," as we drove over a certain hill, long before we got there.

But I was nearly grown before we moved to the North and I first heard and learned, "Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go." You see, we didn't have snow in Texas for the sleigh to ride over.

I know that this Thanksgiving you will enjoy good food. Be sure to thank God for it. (On a holiday you of course won't forget to return thanks at the table.) But let it also be a special time for singing praises to the Lord. As I read in the Bible many verses about thanking God I was surprised at how often singing was the way thanks were to be given.

Psalms 95 says, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms" (vss. 1, 2). Psalm 92:1 says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high."

Many of you have memorized the 100th Psalm, which says, "Make a joyful noise [music] unto the Lord, all ye lands . . . Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good." God does mean us to sing our thanks to Him, doesn't He? Now let me suggest. Do you know

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole.
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so full and free.

That is a good praise song to start with.

We have a recording at our house, put out by Broadman Press for small children. One of the songs that is a favorite of Beginner and Primary children is

We're glad today, We're glad today
For our . . . (Mothers, Daddy's, food),
we're glad today
Thank Thee, God in Heaven.

That song can be used to thank God for anything: food, homes, parents, pastors. Perhaps you know it. It is a good one to use on Thanksgiving Day.

Nearly every small boy who has gone to Sunday School can sing, "Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children, God is Love." You remember the second verse is "Thank Him . . . all ye little children." That one is good to express our gratefulness to God on Thanksgiving Day. I hope you will sing it, meaning every word in your hearts.

Now remember Philippians 4:6, 7: "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God . . . shall keep your hearts and minds."

Jungle Doctor . . .

(Continued from page 4)

grandchild?" I countered.

"Yah," she hissed, "do not cast spells against the child."

Simba, however, found a soft place in the old woman's armour. "Yah," he said, "she wants the child to die. She fears that my child will grow stronger than that of her daughter, so she follows the old way. When the child dies, she will say it is a spell. Bwana, you and I know that it is her fear that my child, who is very small, will in a year's time be larger than the child she holds in her arms."

"Kah," said the old woman, "your child is nothing but rubbish." She got to her feet, picked up the pot of gruel, spat, and walked away, swinging the baby on to her back. Suddenly she turned around.

"Kah, Bwana, we will follow our ways, you follow yours." She made a clicking noise with her tongue which is perhaps the most insulting thing that an African can do to another. Then again she spat on the ground and walked away muttering.

Simba raised his eyebrows. "Kah, Bwana, there is *ikuto*—fierce anger. Behold, there is an old woman of fierceness. Oooh, we will do well to keep out of her way."

"Heh," I nodded. "But the trouble is, Simba, that she thinks that her way is the right way."

The hunter nodded slowly. "Heh, Simba, you remember there was once a great king, whose name was Solomon? He wrote many words of wisdom."

The African nodded. "Yes, Bwana. I have read of them in the Book of God."

"Right," I said. "Well now, there's one in particular which points clearly to old Majimbi there—just as clearly as the signpost points the way to the hospital. Does it not say, 'There is a way

that seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death?'"

Again the African nodded.

"You see," I went on, "it is not good enough to follow the way you think right. Behold, there are those of your tribe who think it is enough if one has pneumonia to rub one's chest with lion's fat. They say this will give him strength to overcome his disease. But what is the end of that way?"

"Hongo," said Simba, "Bwana, the end of that road is death."

"Simba, there are those who think that if they wear a charm made from the skin of a white goat they will gain sufficient strength to overcome *mhungo*—malaria."

"Kah, Bwana, that is not the way to deal with that trouble. How well I know it!" Simba rolled his eyes and went through the actions necessary for an injection.

"Hongo, Simba, and if these things are true of the way of the health of the body how much more are they true of the way of health of your soul?"

"Bwana, my people have strange ways of trying to quiet the fear of what happens when *mitima*, the soul, when *mwili*, the body, dies. They make offerings to the ancestors, they swallow charms. They wear them, too, and build them into roofs. Kah, Bwana, do anything, do everything, and still fear remains."

"Hongo, Bwana, many drink *wujimbi*—beer—and its fierce relative *nghangala*—mead—that in their glow and the dreams that follow, fear may be forgotten. Hongo, Bwana, I know these things. Have I not tried them and still fear remains to gnaw at you in the times of thought and the times of sleeplessness?"

"But what of the way of God, Simba? His ways are ways of life, surely?"

"Nghheeh! Bwana, truly. Do I know that His is the way that works, even as the ways of health at the hospital mean life and not

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pain and death?"

"Look, Simba," I picked up a piece of paper and wrote, "here is a prescription for you, a medicine that is very strong for soul-health."

I wrote: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will show you your path."

Slowly Simba read, then folded up the paper and put it into his pocket.

Some days later I watched him carrying a very creditable cot to the hospital.

"Bwana, I want an eye-dropper." "Has one of the children got bad eyes?"

The African nurse smiled, shaking her head. "This is for the tiny baby, little Yohanna, Perisi's child. Behold, no longer must we feed him with the tube, we will now be able to use the dropper, and with the mixture that we're giving him now, *heh*, behold he will grow larger quickly. He is able now to swallow, Bwana, and behold, his skin is learning to work like ordinary skin. Behold, we do not need to keep his temperature as we used to. Didn't Perisi have great joy when she found he had learned to sweat?"

I smiled. Only a few days before I had found it rather hard to convince my African staff that premature babies hadn't the natural trick of perspiring like ordinary babies. They have to be very carefully looked after until the skin develops this normal function. From my rather meagre store of supplies I picked out an eye-dropper and gave it to the girl.

"Don't forget to sterilize it," I said.

Looking at me with complete contempt she said: "Bwana, do you think I would forget that?"

She was barely out of the door when the African alarm sound came, high-pitched: "Yeeh! . . . Yeeh! . . ." In through the hospital gates rushed Nhoto, the mother of the nine-pound baby, whom we had christened Nhembo, the elephant. She panted up to the door.

"Bwana, quick, help me, my child—please. He has *ndege*—*ndege*."

The month-old child was convulsing horribly in her arms. In a trice Mwendwa took in the situation and dashed for the hospital kitchen where I knew a kerosene tin full of water was always kept on an open fire ready for such emergencies. I grabbed the African woman's arm and hurried to the children's ward and pulled down a baby's bath tub. Two of the nurses were on the spot in a moment and poured the hot water in. The temperature was quickly adjusted, the African nurse putting her elbow in the most professional style. Mwendwa lifted the convulsing child from the mother's arms and put him into the water. Every motion was skillful and full of action.

"Yah," said Sechelela, who had come in through the door at that moment. "See, the child has *wubaga*—gruel—around his lips. They have been feeding him and behold, his stomach has refused. That is the reason for his trouble."

I could see Perisi walking towards the door of the ward and as she came Nhoto screamed at the top of her voice, and pointed an accusing finger.

"Here she comes," she screamed. "here she comes, the one who has

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Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST CHARLES A. HIMES, 801 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, has just completed a revival campaign with the Parrish Memorial Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina. There were 27 first-time decisions for Christ in the services, of whom 21 came forward as candidates for baptism. One person joined the church by letter, and another by statement. Numerous other decisions included rededications and pledges to start family altars.

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Brother Godwin says, "I highly recommend Evangelist Charles Himes to any church as a God-called evangelist, filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready to work in any phase of the church program. I also counted it a privilege to have fellowship with him as a guest in my home."

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival in the Loomis Park Baptist Church of Jackson, Michigan, September 11-25. During the meeting there were 26 first-time decisions for salvation and some 40 rededications. Rev. Blaine Farley, pastor, comments, "Brother Schunk has been with me three other times in another church in South Carolina and this was his first time here in Loomis Park. I can recommend his ministry in the pulpit as being that which will honor the Lord, and the fruitful home visitation is tremendous. The work of his wife in counseling is a helpful asset. I can recommend this team without reservation."

EVANGELIST JOE DAY, 229 East Irvington Avenue, South Bend 14, Indiana, writes to report two meetings. July 26-August 7, he conducted a revival campaign at Calvary Bible Church, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi, where Rev. Billy Stephens is pastor. During the campaign there were 7 saved and 2 who came for rededication.

October 2-16, Brother Day was in the Alliance Church of Wyandotte, Michigan, where Herbert Wiggins is pastor. During that meeting there were 39 saved and 27 who came for restoration and rededication. One outstanding conversion was that of a man for whom the people had prayed for twelve years. Brother Day's wife conducted a Kid's Crusade afternoons following school with a high attendance of 327 children.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, recently completed his second revival with the Calvary Temple Baptist Church of Thomasville, North Carolina. There were 16 professions of faith and a large number of rededications. Rev. D. W. Long reports Brother Duncan as being a powerful preacher and a real soul winner.

EVANGELIST BOB PERSSON, Route 2, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival October 4-9 in the Cottonwood Evangelical United Brethren Church in Wayland, Iowa. Rev. George Buchanan, pastor, reports 5 souls saved and 35 rededications.

EVANGELIST BOB STOCKTON, 1325 Carrollton Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, held a revival October 9-16 at the Ripley Baptist Temple in Ripley, West Virginia. Rev. Clifford Lones, pastor of the church, reports that the meetings were very successful with 20 decisions for salvation, 5 rededications, and 14 family altars started, together with 12 new family tithers. Forty-eight adults also pledged themselves for soul winning.

EVANGELIST BUD SPRIGGS, 10147 Central, Romulus, Michigan,

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"Donald Grey Barnhouse on Reds in N.C.C."

We quote from Dr. Archer Weniger in *Blue-Print*, the article with the above heading.

The September issue of *Eternity* features an extensive article by the editor on "Communism and the National Council of Churches" which is an unbelievable whitewash by the NCC television preacher. It is called "An impartial investigation of charges made by the controversial Air Force

manual." He concludes: "If we are asked what is our attitude personally towards the National Council of Churches, we would say that we are willing to work towards common goals for the proclamation of the Gospel and the total witness of the church. We will work with anyone in or out of any denomination who confesses Jesus Christ as God and

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luminator (4:49, p. 252): "The modernist-controlled Federal Council of Churches will continue to cry peace, peace, when there is no peace, and is thereby the most subtly dangerous force in America. We do not say the most dangerous, but the most subtly dangerous . . . If either of the more dangerous forces takes over in this country, it will be because of this psychological vernal which is being administered from so many pulpits."

On Page 452 he states, "Again the writer would be totally op-

posed to the Federal Council of Churches because of their known affiliation with those who deny the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. He opposes them primarily on doctrinal grounds. He also opposes them because some of their most outstanding leaders have been fellow-travelers with the communists."

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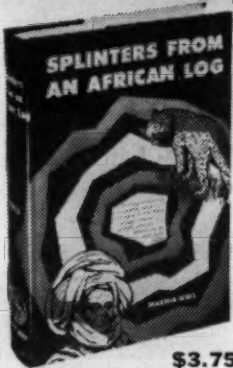


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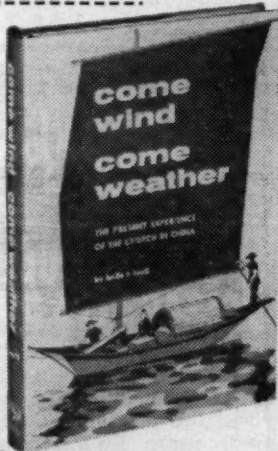


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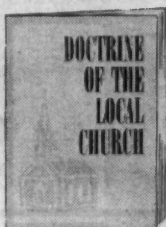
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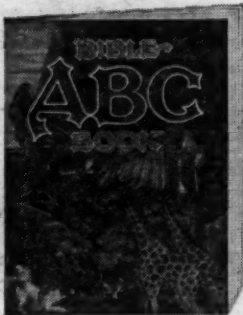
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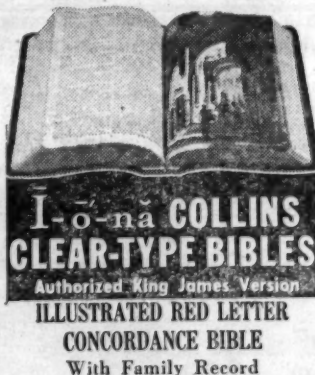
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This is very sweet. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus said there is plenty room.

This poem is found in that new book of poems, "Apples of Gold." It is by J. Danson Smith of Scotland. "He Knoweth" is the title. And from Nahum 1:7, "He knoweth them that trust in Him," the Scripture says.

"HE KNOWETH!" Yes—the dear Lord says—
He knoweth—
He knoweth them who trust in Him repose:
Perhaps He wills it should bring saving comfort—
This blessed fact—that He His children knows.

"HE KNOWETH," too, what things we here have need of—
"Your Father knoweth" is the Savior's word:
And so, whatever things He sees are needful Will, in good season, reach us from the Lord.

"HE KNOWETH" also what lies in the darkness;
So nothing there need make our hearts afraid:
He sees the utmost end from the beginning,—
And peace is ours as we on Him are stayed.

"HE KNOWETH!" Yes—of course, He always knoweth—
And in this blessed fact our hearts may rest,
Rejoicing in the happy calm that cometh
When we our refuge make within His breast,

So "Let not your heart be troubled," Jesus said.

Heaven Is Ready for You

In this Scripture next, in John 14, Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." That is one reason a Christian need not worry. Some people mock and say, "You talk about pie in the sky." Yes, pie in the sky, and the end of all sorrow, the end of gray hairs, the end of all the cemeteries and deathbeds, the end of all the fading of the roses and the fading of youth, the end of decay of bodily strength, the end of all the deceivings and seducings of sins! Thank God, the end of heartaches, and wars, and trouble! I don't care what you call it—there is great peace, to know Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us.

We used to sing about it and we ought to sing it now: "Oh, sing to me of Heaven when I am called to die." And

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

And

On Jordan's story banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

It is wonderful that Jesus has gone to prepare us a home in Heaven. We ought to think about Heaven, and rejoice in Heaven.

Here Jesus is telling us that that is the answer of peace and satisfaction.

A man may think he is well off if he has money in the bank for his future, or if he has insurance to take care of his family when he is gone, or if at last, after long years of toiling, he has paid out the home place.

Maybe so, but there is no real peace, no real security and guarantee like knowing Jesus has gone to prepare a place for those who have put their trust in Him. There is a place where the roses never fade, where we will never more say good-bye. The preacher quoted at my father's funeral, "We'll say good-night here, but good-morning up there."

Jesus has gone to prepare that place. It will surely be beautiful. Jesus, who made the world and everything in it in six days is a mighty good decorator. Without Him was not anything made that was made. Jesus made everything. Now for some nineteen hundred years He has been working on that mansion for me and for those who love Him. It will certainly be beautiful. He knows how to do it and He has the resources.

A man showed me the model home he built after long years of planning. He had put twenty-four thousand dollars in it. He didn't know whether he could sell it for enough to get it all back or not. Everything was so beautifully finished, with every convenience.

But the Lord Jesus can beat that. He has gone to prepare a place for us. I have a good many loved ones over there. It is not so far away. Ella Wheeler Wilcox said, in "The Beyond:"

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, The Beyond;
And yet, not stranger, for it has grown to be
The Home of those of whom I am so fond.
And so for me there is no death;
It is but crossing, with abated breath,
A little strip of sea,
To find one's loved ones waiting on the shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before.

My father, my mother, and a sister, three brothers, are there. Avis Christiansen expressed it beautifully in her poem, "He's Home at Last!"

Safe Home at last! Oh say not he has died.
His soul has only crossed the swelling tide,
And Heaven's gates for him have opened wide,—
He's Home at last!

A true and valiant warrior of the Faith,
Proclaiming Christ e'en with his latest breath,
Has laid his armor down,—call it not death.
He's Home at last!

He now beholds, with eyes undimmed by fears,
The face of Him who through the passing years
Has been his stay, dispelling doubt and fears.
He's Home at last!

And though his going leaves a void within
Our lonely hearts, we can rejoice with him,—
His race is run, Heav'n's glory he hath seen.
He's Home at last!

At Home, with those on earth he loved so well,
Who now within the walls of jasper dwell,—
Oh bliss beyond all mortal pow'r to tell!
He's Home at last!

Life's sun for him has set,—but oh the glow
That long will linger o'er this world of woe,
Because he lived and labored here below!
He's Home at last!

I want you to think about the joy of the place Jesus has gone to prepare. And here is another wonderful thing. Jesus said, "I will come again." I wish I had time to talk to you about the glad rapture, the sound of the trumpet and the voice of the archangel when the dead in Christ shall rise and we that are alive and remain will be caught up to meet Him.

Jesus Is the Way to Heaven

But one more word. Thomas said, "I wish I could go." Thomas said, "Jesus, are you going away? How will we know? How will we get there?"

Jesus answered, "Thomas, you know Me, don't you? I am the way, the truth, and the life." It isn't a strange way; it isn't a hard way. The way to Heaven is Jesus. Oh, the way is not the church, though I am for churches. The way is not the rites and ceremonies of religion. I think Christians ought to be baptized. It is good to take the Lord's Supper. It is good to learn Christian truths. It is good to pray. But the way to Heaven is Jesus. He says, "I am the way. I am the truth." All of the truth in the Bible points to Jesus. He is the real truth, and He is the way, and He is the life. Do you want everlasting life? Just take Jesus. If you have Jesus, you have life. If you have Jesus, you have the way to Heaven.

I hope you will trust Him today and say, "I am going to give Jesus my heart." He is the way to Heaven. Yes, He is the door, and if any man come in by Me, he will find pasture," Jesus said. It is a thief and robber that climbs in some other way. So you can come to Jesus and find peace and forgiveness. I hope you will.

I want you to think about this good chapter. Why don't you get your Bible down and read over again today John, chapter 14 and rejoice that Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." Oh, in a moment I hope you will ask the Lord Jesus to give you peace and

take away the trouble and fret. Ask Him to remove this load of sin, this guilt of conscience, this trouble about tomorrow. Why don't you ask the dear Lord now to take it away and give peace in your heart? For Jesus Christ is peace Himself for all who put their trust in Him. He is the way.

Somebody who listens to me today who never heard the Gospel. Christ died for you. He wants you to have peace. God loves you; He wants you to go to Heaven. Jesus is preparing a place. He said there is plenty of room. "If it were not so, I would have told you." There is plenty of room. There are many, many mansions and God has prepared one for you. Too bad for anybody to miss the place God has prepared for those who love Him. Too bad that anybody would go on in sin and turn down such a Saviour and miss such peace.

Why don't you open your heart's door to Jesus now while the choir sings? You can say, "Lord Jesus, if you want me, You can have me. I want that peace and forgiveness of my sins and a Home in Heaven." Will you take Jesus now? He is the way. Open your heart's door to Jesus.

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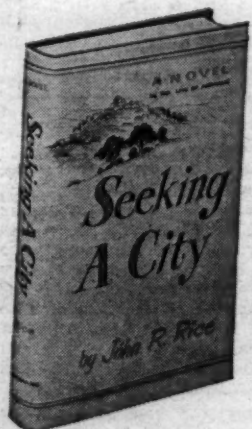
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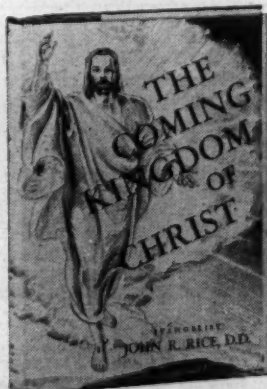
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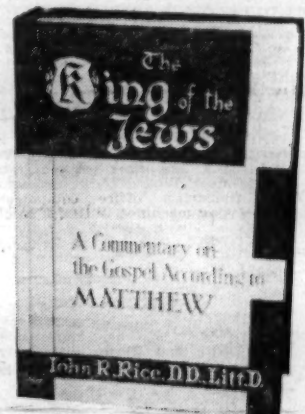
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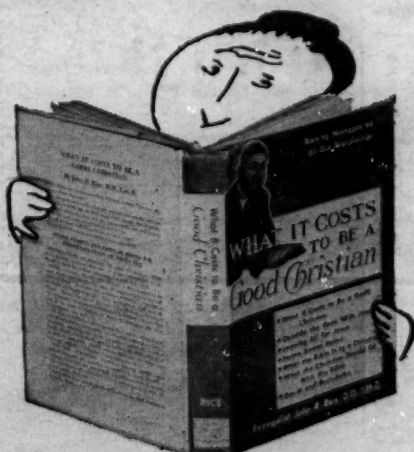
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cast this spell against my child. Keep her away; keep her away."

"Yah," said Perisi, "do not talk wild words. Behold, there are no spells cast against your child. The trouble is you followed the wrong way."

"Who followed what wrong way?" came a harsh voice from just around the corner, and Majimbi, the grandmother, appeared.

One of the nurses was carrying out the second stage of the

treatment for convulsions. The child was already much quieter and I had measured out a dose of medicine. Once again the narrow tube that we had used for Perisi's child came into use and I slipped it down the baby's throat, pouring the medicine through it. The old woman screamed and rushed towards me, to be met very firmly by Sechelela.

"Yah," said the old nurse, "what do you do?"

"Eh," screamed the old woman, "the Bwana is poisoning the child. See what he does—does he not put *cizoka*—the earthworm—down the child's throat?"

"Kah," said Sechelela, "it is but rubber and a little tube to pass the medicine safely into the child. Behold, he cannot swallow."

Then, grasping the old medicine woman firmly by the shoulders, Sechelela looked into her eyes. "Behold," she said, "it was you who fed the child on porridge. The Bwana saw you."

"Kah," said the old woman, glaring back. If looks could kill Sechelela would have fallen dead on the floor at that moment. "Yah, do I not follow the ways of our tribe, and who are you to tell me what to do?"

"Hongo," said Sechelela, "I

know the way of helping children. The children in the hospital here live, but hundreds of them would die if they followed the way of our tribe, and you know it. Kah, but you prefer to let your mind dwell in darkness, to let your soul dwell in darkness."

The old woman again made the insulting, clicking sound with her tongue.

"Kah," she said, "I will travel my own way, whatever you say."

"Right," said Sechelela. "You may go whichever way you like. Behold, look in that tin"—she pointed to the kerosene tin—"behold, the water is nearly boiling. I cannot stop you putting your head in if you want to, even though I know it's boiling. I can tell you that if you do, you'll burn yourself. I cannot do more than warn you. Again I warn you that if you feed the child on porridge before his teeth come, your grandson will soon be outgrown by Simba's child over there, the child you said couldn't possibly live, even for a day, and now he is a month old and growing strongly."

"Kah," said the old woman, clicking her tongue again, "we will follow our ways, Nhoto and I; you follow your way."

The nurse was briskly towelling the baby who by this time was normal again. She placed him in a cot and tucked him round with baby clothes.

"Kah," said Mwendwa, "behold, your words are *chaka*—without wisdom. Behold, the child comes in here a quarter of an hour ago dying, his arms waving, and Nhoto says he had *ndege ndege*—the flutterings of a bird. We follow the way that we have been taught by Bibi and by Bwana. See, the child lives, and is comfortable." And as if to underline this, the baby, lying comfortably in the cot, yawned.

"Yah," said Mwendwa, bending over him with a smile on her face, "yah, you beautiful thing." The baby looked up into her face and gurgled.

The old woman, pushing the nurse aside, grabbed the child, tore the blankets from him, wrenched off the little shirt that had been made from a pair of men's socks, and walked out into the sun with him clasped in her arms.

"Nhoto," I said quietly, "that is your child. If you want it to die . . ."

For a moment the girl looked undecided. She looked first at me and then at her mother, shrugged her shoulders and walked slowly out of the ward after the old woman.

"Yah," said Mwendwa, "truly that child, and what a child it is, will have a very hard time, even if it lives."

There was the toot of a motor horn outside the gate. I saw our ancient bus loaded up with timber, sheets of corrugated iron, bags of cement and, perched on top of everything, Elisha, the lame carpenter.

"Bwana," called Samson, "we are ready to go."

Two more Thursdays came and went. Yohanna's baby-weight card showed an upward red line. Though still tiny he looked very much a baby to me.

Perisi was getting her things together and putting them in the cot Simba had made. "Is there not a parting gift I may give Yohanna?" I asked.

The young African mother smiled. "If I could have a few safety-pins, Bwana."

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Sulimani's voice came loudly: "Pande!"

Perisi with her baby in her arms carefully climbed into the front seat. Simba scrambled up beside Elisha. Many of the staff and patients stood at the gate and waved farewell, as the old car disappeared with a grinding noise in a cloud of dust on the way to the village where we were building our new hospital.

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- 13 "Finally, _____, pray for us"
- 16 a town in Moab (Num. 21:28)
- 18 gate where priests stood to protect young king Joash (II Kings 11:6)
- 19 "Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, _____" Ps. 40
- 20 "that we may _____ delivered from unreasonable"
- 21 "to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of _____" Rom. 4
- 23 tree under which Jacob hid his wives' valuables (Gen. 35:4)
- 25 "_____ that are such we command and exhort"
- 27 "that we might not _____ chargeable to any of you"
- 28 "for all men have _____ faith"
- 29, 46 "But ye, brethren, be not _____ in _____ doing"
- 30 "if any man obey not our _____ belonging to King of Eglon (Josh. 10:3)
- 31 "we hear that there _____ some which walk among you disorderly"
- 35 large mythical bird
- 36 2,000 pounds
- 39 "this is _____ the Christ, the Saviour of the world" John 4
- 40 initials of father and mother of Zimran (Gen. 25:1, 2)
- 41 self
- 42 "they cast four anchors out of the _____" Acts 27
- 44 "which is the token _____ every epistle"
- 46 see 29 across
- 48 "in _____ this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" I Tim. 4
- 49 father of Joshua (Exod. 33:11)
- 51 "I have set before thee an open _____" Rev. 3
- 53 "So that we ourselves _____ in you" II Thess. 1

- 54 "but _____ with labour and travail night and day"

Clues Down

- 1, 38 "Neither did we eat any man's _____ for _____"
- 2 child's plaything
- 3 "_____ I write"
- 4 "not as one that beateth the _____" I Cor. 9
- 5 "_____ forth into joy, sing together" Isa. 52
- 6 a base for plastering
- 7 "_____ come down ere my child die" John 4
- 9 "the swallow a _____ for herself, where she may lay her young" Ps. 84
- 11 "Yet count him not as an _____"
- 13 "as a hen doth gather her _____ under her wings" Luke 13
- 14 "The _____ of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him" Ps. 81:15 (singular)
- 15 father of Peleg and Joktan (Gen. 10:25)
- 17 born again
- 22 belonging to a town near the well Beer-lahai-roi (Gen. 16:14)
- 24 a descendant of Hezekiah (Ezra 2:16)
- 26 hurrying, as the angels hurried Lot in Gen. 19:15
- 29 "that we may be delivered from unreasonable and _____ men"
- 30 "into the love of God, and into the patient _____ for Christ"
- 32 "Jesus went not with his disciples into the _____" John 6
- 34 "the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no _____" II Chron. 36
- 37 king of Bashan (Num. 32:33)
- 38 see 1 Down
- 42 "O fools, and _____ of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken" Luke 24
- 43 initials of wife and son of Boaz (Ruth 4:13, 21)
- 45 none (French)
- 47 "_____ I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" Matt. 28
- 50 "have _____ company with him, that he may be ashamed"
- 52 initials of two women in the line of Christ, mother and daughter-in-law (Matt. 1:5)

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PATHS TO RUIN for a Preacher

- Fear of Men
- Merely Imitating
- Pride
- Laziness
- Money
- Women

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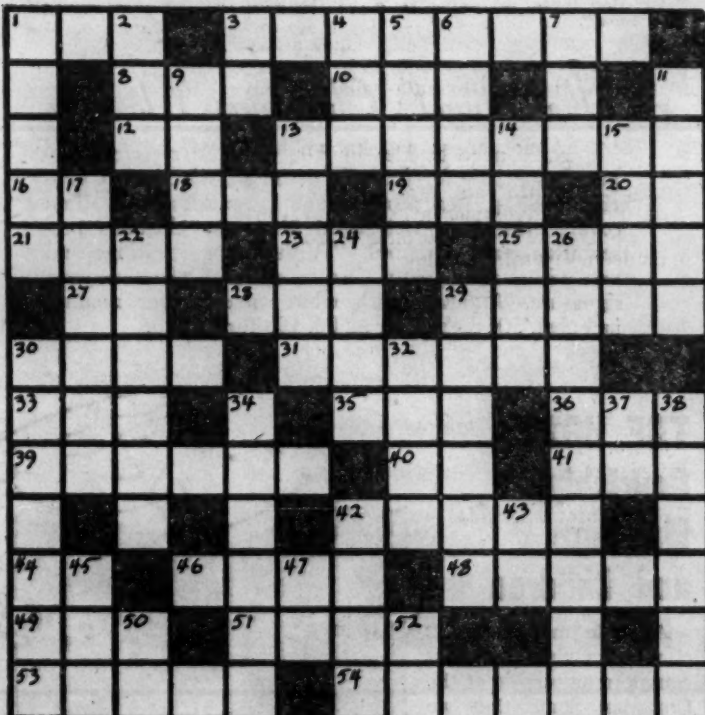
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Thanksgiving

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Another, only He expects your thanks to the Founder. No sin-offering is imposed under the Gospel; thank-offerings are all He looks for."

Charnock, in discoursing on Spiritual Worship, says:

"The praise of God is the choicest sacrifice and worship, under a dispensation of redeeming grace. This is the prime and eternal part of worship under the Gospel. The psalmist, speaking of the Gospel times, spurs on to this kind of worship: 'Sing unto the Lord a new song; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king; let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds; let the high praises of God be in their mouth.'

"He begins and ends both Psalms with *Praise ye the Lord!* That cannot be a spiritual and evangelical worship that hath nothing of the praise of God in the heart. The consideration of God's adorable perfections discovered in the Gospel will make us come to Him with more seriousness, beg blessings of Him with more confidence; fly to Him with a winged faith and love, and more spiritually glorify Him in our attendances upon Him."

Praise Is United to Prayer

There is a great deal more said in the Bible about praise than prayer; yet how few praise-meetings there are! David, in his Psalms, always mixes praise with prayer. Solomon prevailed much with God in prayer at the dedication of the temple; but it was the voice of praise which brought down the glory that filled the house; for we read:

"And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: Also the Levites, which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God."—II Chron. 5:11-14.

We read, too, of Jehoshaphat, that he gained the victory over the hosts of Ammon and Moab through praise, which was excited by faith and thankfulness to God.

"And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."—II Chron. 20:20-22.

In Hardest Times Be Thankful

It is said that in a time of great despondency among the first settlers in New England, it was proposed in one of their public assemblies to proclaim a fast. An old farmer arose; spoke of their provoking Heaven with their complaints, reviewed their measures, showed that they had much to be thankful for, and moved that instead of appointing a day of fasting, they should appoint a day of thanksgiving. This

was done; and the custom has been continued ever since.

However great our difficulties, or deep even our sorrows, there is room for thankfulness. Thomas Adams has said:

"Lay up in the ark of thy memory not only the pot of manna, the bread of life; but even Aaron's rod, the very scourge of correction, wherewith thou hast been bettered. Blessed be the Lord, not only giving, but taking away, saith Job. God who sees there is no walking upon roses to Heaven, puts His children into the way of discipline; and by the fire of correction eats out the rust of corruption. God sends trouble, then bids us call upon Him; promiseth our deliverance; and lastly, the all He requires of us is to glorify Him. 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.'"

Like the nightingale, we can sing in the night, and say with John Newton—

Since all that I meet shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, the medicine food;
Though painful at present, 'twill cease before long,
And then—oh, how pleasant!—the conqueror's song.

Among all the apostles none suffered so much as Paul; but none of them do we find so often giving thanks as he. Take his letter to the Philippians. Remember what he suffered at Philippi; how they laid many stripes upon him, and cast him into prison.

Yet every chapter in that epistle speaks of rejoicing and giving thanks. There is that well-known passage, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

As some one has said, there are here three precious ideas: "Careful for nothing; prayerful for everything; and thankful for anything." We always get more by being thankful for what God has done for us. Paul says again: "We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." So he was constantly giving thanks. Take up any one of his epistles and you will find them full of praise to God.

Even if nothing else called for thankfulness, it would always be an ample cause for it that Jesus Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

A farmer was once found kneeling at a soldier's grave near Nashville. Some one came to him and said, "Why do you pay so much attention to this grave? Was your son buried here?"

"No," he said. "During the war my family were all sick; I knew not how to leave them. I was drafted. One of my neighbors came over and said, 'I will go for you; I have no family.' He went off. He was wounded at Chickamauga. He was carried to the hospital, and there died. And, sir, I have come a great many miles, that I might write over his grave these words, 'He died for me.'"

This the believer can always say of his blessed Saviour, and in the fact may well rejoice. "By him therefore, let us offer the

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The Spirit of Thanksgiving

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day he found himself in another world. Read the prophets and the New Testament from cover to cover and you will find scarcely a thing said about mentality.

There is a statement about Jesus like this, "He grew in stature and wisdom and in favor with God and man." We see from this that God's Book is not against the development of better mind and body, but the purpose of this Book is to develop character or the soul. It is the Book that Paul preached to the mixed population of Corinth. The apostle divides the ancient city and the world into two groups or classes: first, those whom God has taken under His direction and made to be His children with His special care, and second, all others who have chosen to walk in their own ways.

The Group That Is Possessed of Perpetual Thanksgiving

One of these groups was perpetually giving thanks to God. Paul was in that group. He actually praised God through every condition and every situation from the time he was converted to Christianity until his head was severed from his body by the executioner's axe. He suffered bodily affliction, persecution, imprisonment, and every other type of ordeal through which you and I could pass, and he wrote our text, "But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The One Essential Thing in Thanksgiving

Now we come to the center of our subject. Here it is: one thing is absolutely essential to every soul that is enabled to praise God under any and all circumstances. What is it? Well, we find it in Paul's life motto. It is to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord without reservation. He states it in Philippians 3:10, 11, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Paul did not just trust Christ for salvation; he definitely accepted Jesus as his Lord.

That is exactly what it takes to be a perpetual giver of thanks. No one else can do it. Listen to Jesus in what He says about salvation, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Not he that believeth about the Son or like the Son, but "He that believeth on the Son." Don't forget this. It isn't trying to live like Jesus that saves our souls. It isn't what we hear about Jesus that saves our souls. It is Jesus Himself in person that saves us.

Then Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He did not say to live like me but "Come unto me." We go

just as directly to Him as we do to our doctor when we are sick. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." We are not to follow some other person as our pattern, some human being, but follow Him. Jesus is distinctly a person. He is both God and man. Being God, He possesses deity and is able to supply all of our needs.

The Spirit of Paul in Thanksgiving

It is not our intention or desire to misrepresent or even exaggerate the blessings that Christ gives to His followers. We want to state facts as they are. Paul was human, and so are we. We are no more human than he was. If Christ could do these things for Paul, He can do them for us. Anyone can praise God if things go as he would have them, but Paul praised God regardless of how things went.

First, Paul praised God when he was persecuted. One of the first hardships Paul experienced was persecution. But Jesus said to rejoice and be exceedingly glad when we are persecuted for His sake, for great is our reward in Heaven.

Second, Paul thanked God when his life was endangered. It was when things like certain death seemed to stare him in the face that God would speak to Paul and tell him not to be afraid. Today we are in a defense program. Not only are we preparing to defend our own shores, but we are helping other nations defend themselves against a common enemy. But without appearing fanatical or impractical, we can truthfully say that it was proved not only in Paul's life, but in the history of men and nations throughout the history of man that God is man's greatest defense against an enemy. Jesus is able to take care of us under all circumstances and all conditions. The excuse that we are in "a defense program" does not excuse any man from walking with God, though demands may be made on his time and services that are unusual.

Third, Paul could praise God when he was hungry. How he did this we do not know unless he knew that in due time God would make possible the satisfaction of his needs. To be hungry is one way of teaching us the blessings of having food.

Fourth, Paul could praise God when afflicted. Few of us do. We usually complain. But this man who placed his all in the hands of Christ was drawn close to Jesus through affliction. He received a double portion of God's grace on such occasions and enjoyed great spiritual power because of it.

Fifth, Paul praised God when friends forsook him. He was forsaken by loved ones and friends, but in those hours Jesus became so real to him that Paul felt the

presence of his Lord in such a way that he burst into praise and thanksgiving.

Sixth, Paul praised God because he was privileged to see the fruits of his labors. Right here we should stop and give serious heed to our lives. If one has not seen the fruits of his labors as a Christian it should cause him serious concern. It is our belief that one who is in genuine fellowship with Christ is assured of bearing fruit. This was distinctly taught by our Lord in His parable of the vine and the branches. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." This was one thing over which Paul rejoiced continually. He had more converts to Christianity, more young people called into special service because of his great life than any other living man. This is probably the greatest joy known to man in this world.

Seventh, Paul rejoiced because of his rich experiences. Someone has said, "Youth is looking for romance and thrill." Well, adults are looking for the same thing. Do you know where the most thrilling and the most remarkable experiences are found? It is in a life wholly dedicated to Christ. Jesus offers them, guarantees them to any who will follow Him.

The apostles were electrified time and again by their experiences when they were with Him. He even gave one power to walk on water; He caused failing fishermen to catch one hundred and fifty-three fish in one drag. He electrified Peter with the finding of money in a fish's mouth. He caused a little boy to be thrilled with unbounded joy in seeing a lunch of five loaves and two fishes feed the multitudes and at the same time have twelve basketfuls left.

But these people were followers of Christ and obedient to Him. He has not changed one particle. If the multitude of men, women, and young people who are breaking their necks, crowding God out of their programs, trying to get a thrill by this or that success would only submit to the will of Jesus and give Him a chance, they would get what their hearts long for.

Eighth, and last of all, Paul could praise God when facing the most ghastly of all things. Do you know what he was referring to when he spoke our text? It was the grave—that hole in the ground where your body and mine will be placed some day to return back to clay. The sinner sneers at it, jokes about it, and sometimes acts as if he doesn't fear it. Do you know why? It is because he is deluded by the Devil. Of all horrible things on this earth to a sinner, none approximates the grave. The reason he laughs about it and ridicules it is one of blindness.

He is like the two soldiers who raped the girl out here at Mineral Wells; then they kidnaped two people, stole their car and robbed them of their money. When warned of the consequences of their crimes, they laughed and joked. But when apprehended and tried before the court they changed their attitude. When they heard the judge sentence them to the penitentiary for a good portion of their lives, hilarity changed to weeping. Like the nineteen-year-old youth who bet a package of cigarettes that he would get the "hot seat" for killing a policeman and bragged and laughed when he won, so does the sinner laugh about death and the grave. Wait until that boy sits down on that electric chair and see him change. It will be too late then.

Paul tells us how we can face death and the grave calmly and with rejoicing. There is only one way, and we shall all face it. How is it done? But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. To the Christian he knows before his body is covered up with the soil that his soul will be up yonder with Christ in Glory. He knows the grave is only the bed in which his body shall sleep until Jesus raises it out of its sleep and awakens it in its glorified and redeemed state, ready for the housing again of his soul throughout an endless day of eternity. Yes, my friends, to the child of God who walks in the footsteps of Jesus every day and every hour

Heaven: . . .

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sins are forgiven and that you are going to Heaven, I beg you here and now to make this decision, turn your heart to the Lord Jesus, depend upon Him to save you. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). He died for your sins and mine. The moment you honestly turn from your sin and trust Jesus Christ to forgive you and save you, that moment you become a child of God headed for Heaven. Will you do it today?

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